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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of) Group Art Unit: 1803
Chris Buhr et al)
Serial No: 07/652,978) Docket No. 157
Filed: February 8, 1991)
Title: METHYLENE PHOSPHONATE)
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGS AND)
NUCLEOSIDES)

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AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
15 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

20 This is in response to the Office action mailed February 8, 1995 time for
response to which was set to expire May 8, 1994. Provision for extension of time to
August 8, 1995 accompanies this response.

In the Claims

25 Please amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 7-18, 20, 22, 27-38 and 40-50 without prejudice.